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King's 'I Have A Dream' Is Greatest Political Speech Of The Century



Martin L. King, Jr.

The late Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s soul-stirring "I Have A Dream" speech tops the list of the greatest American political speeches of the century.

According to 137 academics surveyed by two researchers and reported in USA Today, Rev. King's speech and those of Barbara Jordan and Malcolm X were among the top 10.

King's moving address was made to the thousands who participated in the 1963 March on Washington on the Mall in the nation's capital.

The late Texas Congresswoman Barbara Jordan, the first Black woman from a Southern state since Reconstruction to serve in the U.S. Congress, delivered the No. 5 speech of the century with her empowering keynote address to the Democratic National Convention in 1976. It marked the first time that a Black was selected to deliver the keynote speech at a national convention of the Democratic Party.

Slain Muslim leader Malcolm X's famous 1964 speech, "The Ballot or the Bullet," delivered in Cleveland at Cory Methodist Church was ranked No. 7.

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speeches on the criteria of impact, rhetorical artistry, organization, style and presentation of arguments.

In making the final selection, Stephen Lucas, a University of Wisconsin-Madison professor of communication arts, along with Martin Medhurst, a speech communication professor at Texas A&M University in College Station, spent three months analyzing ratings of 500 speeches the academics submitted.

Top 10 Political Speeches Of The 20th Century

1. *I Have a Dream*—Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr.—Aug. 28, 1963; Washington, D.C.
2. *Inaugural Address*—President John F. Kennedy—Jan. 20, 1961; Washington, D.C.
3. *First Inaugural Address*—President Franklin D. Roosevelt—March 4, 1933; Washington, D.C.
4. *War Message (A Date Which Will Live in Infamy)*—President Franklin D. Roosevelt—Dec. 8, 1941; Washington, D.C.
5. *Keynote speech to the Democratic National Convention*—Rep. Barbara Jordan—July 12, 1976; New York City.
6. *My Side of the Story (Checkers)*—Sen. Richard M. Nixon—Sept. 23, 1952; Los Angeles.
7. *The Ballot or The Bullet*—Malcolm X—April 3, 1964; Cleveland.

8. *Address to the nation after the Challenger disaster*—President Ronald Reagan—Jan. 28, 1986; Washington, D.C.

9. *Speech to the Greater Houston Ministerial Assn.*—Sen. John F. Kennedy—Sept. 12, 1960; Houston.

10. *Address to Congress on the Voting Rights Act (We Shall Overcome)*—President Lyndon B. Johnson—March 15, 1965; Washington, D.C.

NY Civil Liberties Report Finds Police Brutality Goes Unpunished

A newly released report on the New York Police Department found that a majority of police officers cited for brutality or misconduct go unpunished or the punishment was minor, the New York Times reported.

The New York Civil Liberties Union, which authored the report, found that since 1996, the Police Department disciplined police officers in only 24 percent, or 371, of the 1,543 cases of brutality and other misconduct substantiated by the Civilian Complaint Review Board.

In the other cases, either the department did not find the officer guilty, did not punish the officer or has yet to act on the complaint.

The report also said that in three of four cases in which disciplinary action was taken against an officer between January 1998 and June 1999, the punishment was relatively minor, ranging from the loss of vacation days to a warning.

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Pennsylvania Man Held In Tokyo Over Medical Bill Dispute Released

The family of John W. Hopkins Jr. has a lot to celebrate in the year 2000. The Yeadon, PA, man was released and returned to America after he was stuck in a Tokyo hospital since fall because the struggling musician could not pay a \$20,000 medical bill.

Hopkins went to Japan in September for a two-month music job, said his cousin Robert Mitchell. He had a stroke and was rushed to the hospital. He later had a heart attack and slipped into a coma. He had no health insurance.

By November Hopkins had recovered, but his relatives were told, in what officials now say was a misun-

derstanding, that they would have to pay the entire \$20,000 in cash.

Due to the language barrier, the family of modest means assumed any payment plan was pointless.

Hopkins' 80-year-old mother offered to sell her home to pay the costs. His sister, 51-year-old teacher Iona Purnell, wrote President Clinton and called the Red Cross. Others sought help from Pennsylvania Rep. Chaka Fattah, the Rev. Jesse Jackson and officials across the Pacific.

A solution finally came Christmas week, when the U.S. Embassy in Japan called the hospital and arranged for the bill to be paid a little at a time, said Hopkins' son, John W. Hopkins III.

The elder Hopkins at JET press time was visiting family in Ft. Lewis, WA.

▼ **MILLENNIUM MEGA-BASH:** James Brown rocks in the new millennium and the new year with his band and dancers as part of Lebanon 2000, a two-week long entertainment festival in Beirut. The Godfather of Soul performed at the seaside concert that celebrated the holiday season in the multisectarian Arab nation.



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TICKER TAPE

by Simeon Booker, Washington Bureau Chief

Confidential: The nation's premier civil rights organization, the Leadership Conference On Civil Rights, celebrates its 50th anniversary this year. Tracing its history back to the founding by NAACP **Roy Wilkins**, **Arnold Aronson** and **A. Philip Randolph**, the Conference has organized more than 180 groups from various racial and religious groupings into a solid positive force, now headed by Dr. **Dorothy Height** and directed by **Wade Henderson**. The innovation: a newly designed web site to allow coalition members to more effectively cooperate...The nation's mayors conference headed by Denver Mayor **Wellington E. Webb** reports that the demand for emergency food assistance is at the highest level since 1992 and that the need for emergency shelter is close to the peak of 1994, signs of a crumbling urban living standard amidst growing prosperity...Reserve the date of

February 26 for the gigantic Masquerade Ball at the Smithsonian Institution in Washington in celebration of Black History Month...The recent death of **Louise Maxienne Dargan Fleming**, once Capitol Hill's most publicized chief of staff for Harlem's Rep. **Adam Clayton Powell**, was reported in Miami Beach, FL. She was the first Black woman to serve as Director of Research for the House Education and Labor committee. Also died: South Carolina's **Matie DeLaine**, widow of the Rev. **J.A. Delaine**, a civil rights crusader who was once chased out of the state for opposing school segregation...CBS TV featured President **Bill Clinton** in its coverage of Washington's New Year's Eve festivities. Competing against a mostly musical celebration in New York City, the president used the opportunity to discuss serious racial and economic problems the nation will face in the next decade.

National Headliners

Banded together as the Cobra Team 2000, Redskin gridiron star **George Strobe** leads his unusual aggregation in an effort to win laurels on the auto race track. The group already has secured a vehicle and is about ready to announce the venture...**John Boyd**, who led Black farmers to win money in

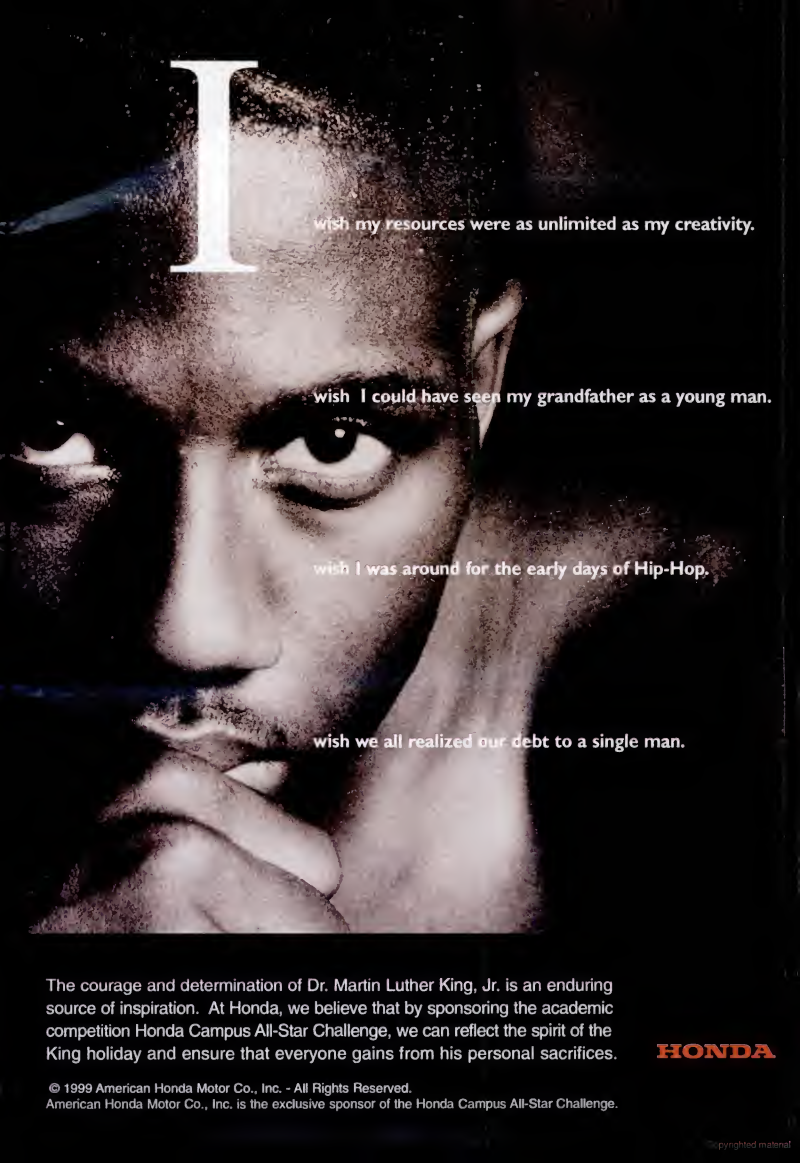


Wellington Webb

a massive discrimination suit against the Agriculture Dept., will put together a new civil rights organization. The name: Equality International...Little Rock Mayor **Jim Dailey** was quick to announce formation of the **Daisy Bates Memorial Committee**. He wants the memory of Mrs. Bates' escorting the Black school children to integrate the city's Central High School to be lasting.



Daisy Bates



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◀ *The Rev. Clay Evans (c), pastor of Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church in Chicago, presents proclamation from Chicago Mayor Richard Daley to the Rev. Dr. Louis Rawls (r) as Rawls' wife, Willa J. Rawls, looks on during tribute at Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church.*

Noted Chicago Pastor Saluted as "Minister of the Millennium"

Noted Chicago minister the Rev. Dr. Louis Rawls was recently honored as "Minister of the Millennium" at a gala tribute in Chicago.

Rawls, 95, founder and pastor of

Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church in Chicago, was also celebrated as a pioneer in the ministry and the oldest Black minister in Chicago during the tribute held at Fellowship

▼ *The Rev. Jesse Jackson Sr. and Rev. Evans join Rawls' wife of 72 years, Mrs. Willa Rawls, and (l-r) Bishop William Ellis, pastor, Apostolic Church of God of Morgan Park, Congressman Bobby Rush, Appellate Court Judge William Cousins, Rev. Lucius Hall, pastor of First Church of Love and Faith, and Chicago Alderman Dorothy Tillman in congratulating Rev. Rawls as "Minister of the Millennium."*





◀ *Rev. Evans thanks Rev. Rawls for being his pastor, mentor and inspiration.*

nacle Missionary Baptist Church, and Rev. Arthur Taylor, pastor Christ Temple Missionary Baptist Church.

Rev. Evans, who is a member of Rev. Rawls' church, said proudly, "Every preacher needs a preacher, and he is mine."

Evans noted that Rev. Rawls has served as mentor and a source of inspiration for about 90 of the nation's influential ministers.

"We were inspired, motivated and encouraged by him. And anyone who lives almost a century ought to be honored and praised for just longevity, especially a man who has done as much as Dr. Rawls has done to help the people. His ministry has been holistic, body, soul and mind."

Evans continued, "The least we can do is say 'Thank you and God bless you.' Now we encourage him as he has encouraged us. All of us are standing on someone else's shoulders.

Missionary Baptist Church.

The tribute committee co-hosts included the Rev. Clay Evans, founder and pastor, Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church; the Rev. Jesse Jackson Sr., founder and president Rainbow/PUSH Coalition; Bishop William Ellis, pastor, Apostolic Church of God of Morgan Park; Father Michael Pfleger, pastor, St. Sabina Catholic Church; Rev. Julius Rawls, assistant pastor of Taber-

▶ *Chuck Bowen, executive assistant to Chicago Mayor Richard Daley, brings greetings from the mayor and a proclamation for Rev. Rawls. At right, Leonard Muhammad, chief of staff of the Nation of Islam, pays tribute to Rev. Rawls at gala salute.*





◀ *Legendary gospel singer Albertina Walker delivers a soul-stirring rendition of I'm Still Here at the salute.*

▼ *Rev. Rawls thanks his friends and supporters for their outpouring of love and best wishes.*



For every success there is a predecessor," Evans said.

During the tribute, Rev. Rawls received a letter of congratulations from President Clinton and proclamations from Illinois Governor George H. Ryan and Chicago Mayor Richard M. Daley.

The Chicago City Council also honored Rev. Rawls during its recent meeting.

Rev. Rawls was called and ordained to the ministry in 1932 and founded the Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church in 1941 with an initial membership of 18. A groundbreaking ceremony was held in 1945, and Rev. Rawls and his congregation moved into the new Tabernacle church in 1946, which was built at a

cost
of more
than \$2
million.

He has owned several businesses and is currently the owner of Brown-Rawls Funeral Home, developer of Willa Rawls Manor and the Dr. Louis Rawls Twin Towers, which is under construction.

He and his wife, Willa J. "Baby" Rawls, have been married for 72 years and have three adopted sons, famed singer Lou Rawls, S.B. Rawls and Julius Rawls.



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PEOPLE Are Talking About...

■ Singer-actress **Stephanie Mills**, who told *Parade* magazine why she decided to remove herself from the spotlight: "I deliberately took myself out of the show-biz grind when I got married in 1992 and moved to Charlotte, NC," Mills told the newsmagazine. "I live a normal life and only occasionally take work that comes my way." The vocal powerhouse said that her husband is "not in the business."

■ Rapper-actress-talk show host **Queen Latifah**'s telling writer Eileen Finan the way in which she planned to ring in the new year: "I'll be in my loft with a rifle by my window and an earthquake prepared kit and plenty of canned food and water and don't come to my door and ask for nothing!"

■ Researchers who reported that chewing gum can help you to lose weight. A team of researchers calculated that chewing gum burns up about 11 calories an hour. They figured that someone who chews gum every waking hour for a year and does nothing else differently will lose about 11 pounds. "Chewing of calorie-free gum can be readily carried out throughout the day," the researchers noted, "and its potential effect on energy balance should not be discounted." The calculations, made by James Levine of the Mayo Clinic and others, were published in the *New England Journal of Medicine*.

■ Philadelphia Mayor **John Street**'s announcement that he will make healthy living and physical fitness a major focus of his administration after an article in *Men's Fitness* magazine listed Philly as America's fattest city. He also invited the editors of the magazine to monitor the city's progress.

■ **Celebrating birthdays this week** are singer **Aaliyah**, 21, songstress **Sade**, 41, and noted dancer-choreographer-director-actress **Debbie Allen**, 50, all on Jan. 16; and boxing great **Muhammad Ali**, 58, famed actor **James Earl Jones**, 61, and legendary performer **Eartha Kitt**, 73, all on Jan. 17.

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- Cover with a saline moistened gauze dressing.

- after approximately 12 hours, the ulcer should be gently rinsed with saline or water to remove residual gel and covered with a saline-moistened gauze dressing (without REGANEX Gel);
- it is important to use REGANEX Gel together with a good ulcer care program, including a strict non-weight-bearing program;
- excess application of REGANEX Gel has not been shown to be beneficial;
- REGANEX Gel should be stored in the refrigerator. Do not freeze REGANEX Gel;
- REGANEX Gel should not be used after the expiration date on the bottom, crimped end of the tube.

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Ivory Coast President Henri Bedie Ousted In Military Coup; Flees Country



Henri Konan Bedie

In a striking blow to democracy, Ivory Coast President Henri Konan Bedie recently was ousted from office in a largely bloodless coup led by former army chief Gen. Robert Guei. Bedie fled his country two days after the revolt in a plane provided by France, his main foreign supporter.

Bedie had sought refuge at a French military base in Abidjan, Ivory Coast's political center, the French Foreign Ministry said in a statement, before leaving for nearby Lome, Togo, accompanied by about 10 family members. A Togolese official said Bedie was accepted in the country on "humanitarian grounds" but would probably leave in a few days for an as-yet-unannounced destination.

Ivory Coast, a nation of 19 million and among the world's largest producers of coffee, cocoa and palm oil, had long been considered a model of stability, prosperity and democracy in West Africa. The military takeover is the first in the country since independence from France in 1960.

The French government said that it planned to beef up its military presence in its former colony to guarantee the security of 20,000 French nationalists. The French Foreign Ministry said 40 troops were flown recently from Libreville, Gabon, to the French

base. An additional 300 arrived in Dakar, Senegal, to serve as reinforcements if necessary, a spokesperson said. The French spokesperson said the move was merely precautionary.

The ousted president, elected to a five-year term in 1995 with 96 percent of the vote, has been accused of corruption and stirring up ethnic divisions. Despite three days of frenzied looting, many Ivoirians welcomed the coup. People gathered in the streets, listening to the military announcement, some jumping in excitement and chanting, "No more Bedie."

The coup began with military troops protesting unpaid salaries, poor living conditions and what they called the bad governance of the country. Army troops and civilians together then looted parts of Abidjan a day after the protests. Many soldiers said they were owed back salary and perks, while others said the revolt was aimed at ousting the president.

Guei appeared on state television, saying the military was taking over the reins of power from Bedie. The retired general told the citizens that the country's constitution, courts and parliament have been suspended and urged everyone to remain calm.

"Power is in my hands," he said. "I will take care of everybody. You should not be worried."

Guei later acknowledged that a number of people were injured in the violence. At least four people were killed in a car accident when the dri-



▲ Ivory Coast's new military junta chief, Gen. Robert Guei (l), greets the country's Muslim and Catholic leaders in Abidjan, Ivory Coast, after speaking to them about his vision for the nation. Earlier, the former army chief, who recently seized power in a largely bloodless coup, met with foreign diplomats and vowed to honor the country's massive foreign debts.

ver tried to escape rioting the day Guei took control of government, witnesses said. And a number of inmates died in a stampede when soldiers released prisoners that same day from Abidjan's main jail, a military officer said.

Following the revolt, junta leader Guei offered to work with politicians until democracy was restored. He said he was not planning a political crack-down and he invited parties to submit candidates for a new Cabinet he said could be named soon.

"I don't find it useful to dissolve political parties," Guei said in a meeting with representatives of 48 parties, including the former ruling Democratic Party of the Ivory Coast. "But on the other hand, let me say that we are counting on you to avoid troubles."

Guei said military officials would be appointed to key ministries. But despite his offer to cooperate, many of deposed President Bedie's Cabinet ministers remained in custody as of JET press time.

The junta plans to draft a new constitution, state-run radio reported. Audits in all economic sectors are also planned to wipe out corruption.

France, the United States and several African countries have condemned the coup and called for a return to civilian rule. The U.S. and Canada suspended all direct aid to Ivory Coast. Bedie promised not to oppose the junta with violence and said he planned to spend his "forced asylum" visiting African and other world leaders to rally diplomatic support for his elected government.

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This Week In Black History

January 10, 1961



◀ **Charlayne Hunter-Gault** became the first Black woman student at the University of Georgia on this day. A native of Due West, SC, she graduated from Turner High School in Atlanta, determined to earn a degree in journalism. The segregated University of Georgia (UGA) was the only local university with a journalism school. A group, the Atlanta Committee for Cooperative Action, approached her and another student, Hamilton Holmes, to integrate the university. UGA resisted with legal maneuvering during which time Hunter-Gault attended Wayne State Univ. in Detroit. Finally, the federal court issued the integration

order in January of 1961. Hunter-Gault graduated with a B.A. in journalism in 1963. In 1979 she debuted as a reporter for PBS' "MacNeil/Lehrer NewsHour," and worked until 1997 when the award-winning journalist became chief correspondent in Africa for National Public Radio in South Africa. In April of 1999 she became CNN's Johannesburg bureau chief.

January 16, 1978

▶ The National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) named three Blacks to take part in its space shuttle program on this day. The astronauts were: **Dr. Ronald E. McNair** (l), **Major Frederick D. Gregory** (r) and **Major Guion S. Bluford**. McNair, a physicist and mission specialist, was killed in an explosion aboard the space shuttle Challenger in January 1986. Bluford, a veteran Air Force pilot, served as a mission specialist on four shuttle flights. Now retired from NASA, he works for Federal Data Corporation in Bethesda, MD, as a vice president and general manager. Gregory, an Air Force pilot as well, commanded three space missions from 1985 to 1991. He remains at NASA working as associate administrator for Safety and Mission Assurance.





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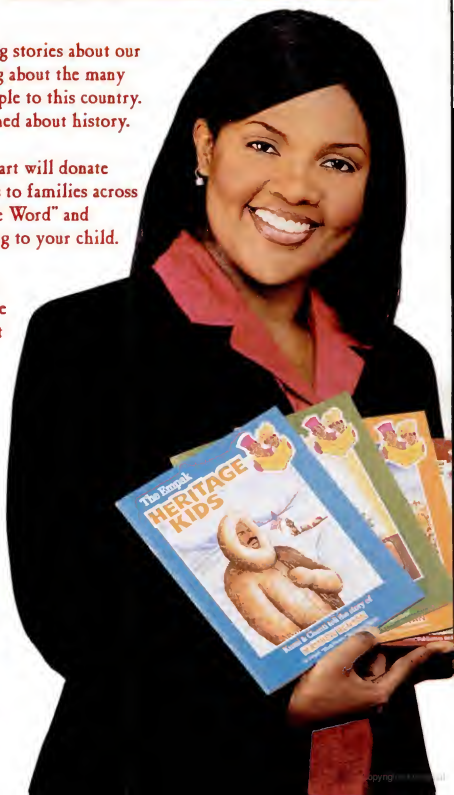
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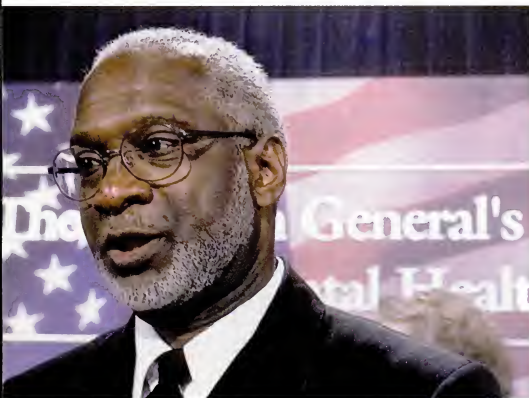
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Surgeon General David Satcher's Report Notes Shame And Costs Deter Many From Seeking Treatment For Mental Disorders



◀ Surgeon General David Satcher discusses his national report on mental health at a press conference in Washington, DC.

mental health as separate and unequal to general health."

The report noted that about one in five Americans, or 50 million people, suffer from some kind of mental disorder and two thirds of them never seek treatment, including

Nearly one in five Americans suffers from a mental disorder which can be successfully treated, according to U.S. Surgeon General David Satcher's first annual report on mental health.

In the extensive review of research on mental disorders, Dr. Satcher concludes that shame and difficulty paying for care are keeping millions of Americans from treatments that have proved effective.

The report encourages all Americans who suspect they have a mental disorder to seek help.

"Mental disorders are not character flaws but are legitimate illnesses that respond to specific treatments, just as other health conditions respond to medical interventions," the report said.

"Society no longer can afford to view

nearly half of those with a severe mental illness.

The report, a scientific rather than political document, makes no specific policy recommendations. But mental health advocates said they would seize it in fighting for equal health insurance coverage of mental ailments, better treatments in prisons and more accountability in public spending.

The study, "Mental Health: A Report of the Surgeon General," reviews 3,000 academic studies on mental health and mental illness and has been in the works since Satcher took office in early 1998.

The report's principal recommendation to the American people "is to seek help if you have a mental health problem or think you have symptoms

of a mental disorder."

And Satcher urges friends, family, teachers, ministers, coaches and others who may spot someone with a problem to encourage them to seek help.

Satcher argues that people with mental health problems and mental illness can live happier, more productive lives with the help of therapy and medication.

Without help, someone who begins sad can become clinically depressed and ultimately even suicidal. Untreated, the most severely ill can end up homeless or criminals.

"To a great extent, we are dumping our mental health problems on the streets of America," Satcher said. "We are dumping them into our jails and prisons—there's no question about that."

Dick Gregory And Martin Luther King III Urge Black Men To Get Tested For Prostate Cancer

Comedian and civil rights activist Dick Gregory recently joined Martin Luther King III and other Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) officials to



Dick Gregory

get tested for prostate cancer as part of an SCLC program aimed at encouraging Black men to follow their lead.

"We cannot sit back and let our community die," said King, national SCLC president, as he led the group inside a Tuscaloosa (AL) hospital for testing. "Too many African-American men have died from prostate cancer because they are too afraid to take the examination."

King, the son of Martin Luther King, Jr., announced the development of the Rev. John Nettles Prostate Cancer Information Service in December at Nettles' funeral. Nettles, president of the Alabama SCLC and first vice



Martin L. King III

president of the national organization, died Dec. 11 of prostate cancer at age 56.

Conference officials said the service is the first phase of a planned prostate cancer pilot program in Alabama.

"We have to work together to save African-American males," Gregory said. "They are dying from prostate cancer, AIDS and poverty."

Common symptoms of the disease include a frequent urge to urinate, difficulty urinating and pain in the lower back, hips and thighs. Although prostate cancer can occur in men of all ages it mostly affects those over age 65.

Black men have the country's highest prostate cancer rates and are 50 percent more likely than Whites to develop the disease. Black men also are twice as likely to die from it.



SOCIETY WORLD

▲ **Two Hearts, One Love:** Cortez Mack and Jeriesha Smith wed at The First Pentecostal Church of God in Chicago, IL. A unit assistant manager at Bank One Corp., the bride is a graduate of Moraine Valley College. The groom, a graduate of Columbia College, operates his own graphics business, Cortez's Creative Creations, and production company, JKBU (Jesus Keeps Blessing Us). They honeymooned in Orlando, FL.



▲ **Adore:** Dr. Nina Lenore Grimes and Melvin Dennis Stewart married at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel in Pasadena, CA. The bride, a graduate of the Univ. of California at Los Angeles and the California School of Professional Psychology, is a psychologist for Northeast Valley Health Corporation. The groom, a graduate of Indiana State University, is district manager for Ritz Camera. They honeymooned in the Caribbean.



◀ **Divine Grace:** Xavier R. Wilson and Erika R. Singleton united in holy matrimony at the Immaculate Conception Jesuit Church in New Orleans, LA. The bride, a graduate of Tuskegee Univ. and the Vanderbilt Univ. School of Law, is an attorney with the Jones Walker law firm. The groom, a graduate of Tuskegee Univ., is a clinical dietitian for the West Jefferson Medical Center. Montego Bay, Grand Cayman and Cozumel is where they honeymooned.

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▲ **Then Came You:** Jacqueline Jones and Mitchell Van Morgan Sr. said "I do" at Union Baptist Church in Stamford, CT. The bride, a graduate of Norwalk Community College and the University of Connecticut, is a senior computer operator at Pitney Bowes Inc. The groom, who attends Technical Career Institutes in New York City, is a line technician at Clairol Inc. They honeymooned in the Western Caribbean.



▲ **Magical Day:** Kenneth Holman Clark, Jr. made the former Sandra Renée Plummer his wife during an enchanted ceremony at the Centurion Chapel of Fort Monroe, VA. A graduate of South Carolina State University, the bride is a major, assigned in the Norfolk, VA, area, in the U.S. Army. A graduate of North Carolina A & T, the bridegroom is a lieutenant colonel in the U.S. Army in Pittsburgh, PA.



◀ **Five Decades Strong:** Rev. and Mrs. Lindy W. Winston commemorated 50 years of wedded bliss with family and friends during a gala at the Executive Caterers at Landerhaven in Mayfield Heights, OH. Mrs. Carolyn Winston retired as a teaching assistant for the Cleveland Public Schools. Her dedicated mate for five decades is pastor of the Elizabeth Baptist Church in Cleveland; he is a retired letter carrier. The Winstons are the parents of two and the grandparents of four.



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▲ Eddie Murphy and his wife, Nicole, recently welcomed a new addition to their family, a baby daughter, Zola Ivy Murphy. The famed actor-comedian reportedly is "ecstatic."

Eddie Murphy And Wife Nicole Become Parents Of Their Fourth Child, Daughter, Zola Ivy Murphy

Famed actor-comedian Eddie Murphy and his wife, Nicole, recently became parents once more when she gave birth to a daughter.

Zola Ivy Murphy, born on Christmas Eve, weighed 7 pounds and 13

ounces. Both mother and daughter are doing fine.

This is the fourth child for the couple who have a 10-year-old daughter, Bria; a 7-year-old son, Myles; and a 5-year-old daughter, Shayne.

Halle Berry And Eric Benét Plan To Marry

Wedding bells will be chiming this year for lovely actress Halle Berry and her handsome, steady beau, singer Eric Benét, according to "Entertainment Tonight."

Benét proposed to Berry in her hometown, Cleveland, when the two traveled there for a celebration to honor Berry during the premiere of her HBO movie *Introducing Dorothy Dandridge*.

"Entertainment Tonight," reportedly revealed that the couple plan to make it official sometime this year.

This will be Berry's second marriage; her first marriage to Cleveland Indians outfielder David Justice ended in divorce in 1996.

The single parent of a nine-year-old daughter, India, this will be Benét's first marriage.

Berry, whose works include *Queen*,

Andrew Young Released From Hospital After Cancer Surgery In Atlanta



Andrew Young

Former Atlanta mayor and U.N. ambassador Andrew Young was released from the hospital following what his doctor called successful surgery to remove his cancerous prostate gland.

Young, 67, was in good spirits as he left Emory University Hospital in Atlanta. His doctors said Young is on course for a full recovery.

The newly named president of the National Council of Churches, Young persuaded his doctors to let him leave the hospital on foot.

"I came in here walking and I want to go out walking," Young said. "Now I want to go home, relax, watch football and not have any visitors for a while."

Dr. Fray Marshall, chief of urology, said there was no sign the cancer had spread beyond his prostate. Young will be monitored and, if toxicology tests remain clear over the next year, he could be declared cured.

Young was diagnosed in September last year. He made his condition public to encourage middle-age men, especially Black men, to have regular prostate screenings (JET, Nov. 1, 1999).

"Just as women ought to go have a pap smear, men ought to go regularly and have their prostate checked," he reiterated.



▲ Halle Berry and Eric Benét plan to tie the knot this year, according to "Entertainment Tonight."

Jungle Fever, *Boomerang*, *Losing Isaiah* and *B.A.P.S.*, recently earned a Golden Globe nomination for her riveting portrayal of late actress Dorothy Dandridge in the HBO film *Introducing Dorothy Dandridge*.

Benét currently is enjoying the success of his second solo album, *A Day In The Life*, which includes the hit songs *Georgy Porgy* and *Spend My Life With You*, a duet featuring Tamia. His solo debut album, 1996's *True To Myself*, featured the tunes *Let's Stay Together* and *Femininity*.

Notorious B.I.G.'s Posthumous New Album, 'Born Again', Tops Charts At No. 1 In First Week

Slain rap giant Notorious B.I.G. may be gone but he definitely is not forgotten. Hip-hop lovers are continuing to groove to his music with record sales indicating that B.I.G. is just as popular in death

as he was in life.

B.I.G.'s third album, the posthumous *Born Again*, came in at No. 1 on the Billboard chart during its first week, selling 485,000 copies, according to SoundScan.

The album resurrects B.I.G. through old rap songs from the entertainer that feature new beats and guest hip-hop performers. Some of those notables on the project include B.I.G.'s best friend, music mogul Sean "Puffy" Combs, Lil' Kim, Snoop Dogg, Nas, Lil' Cease, and Mobb Deep.

Born Again also includes spoken words by B.I.G.'s mother, Voletta Wallace, who only recently began to listen to the music that made her slain son a star.

"When he was alive, I never listened to it," she told USA Today. "The words were a little too

◀ *Slain rapper Notorious B.I.G.'s hip-hop artistry is continuing to have a lasting affect on music lovers. His posthumous new album, Born Again, debuted at No. 1 in its first week of release.*





◀ *Voletta Wallace, B.I.G.'s mother, recently began to listen to her late son's music and is happy that he's still loved by audiences.*

B.I.G. amassed enormous fame as a hip-hop performer with such hit songs as *Juicy*, *Big Poppa* / *Warning*, *One More Chance*, *Hypnotize*, *Mo' Money* *Mo' Problems* and *Sky's The Limit*.

Born Christopher Wallace, the rapper was gunned down outside of a Los Angeles nightclub in 1997. A few months following his death, his mother started the charitable Christopher Wallace Foundation. The organization provides books, computers and other educational materials to needy schools in New York and in Atlanta. It also educates youth about the consequences of violence.

Adds Ms. Wallace about her son's legacy in showbiz, "Not a day goes by that I don't hear a piece of his music on the radio. And with this album, it is sure that his name will live on."

hard, too explicit for me. But after his death, everybody I met appreciated him and his art (so much), I thought it was time for me to give him the benefit of the doubt."

'Any Given Sunday' Tops At Box Office During Opening Weekend

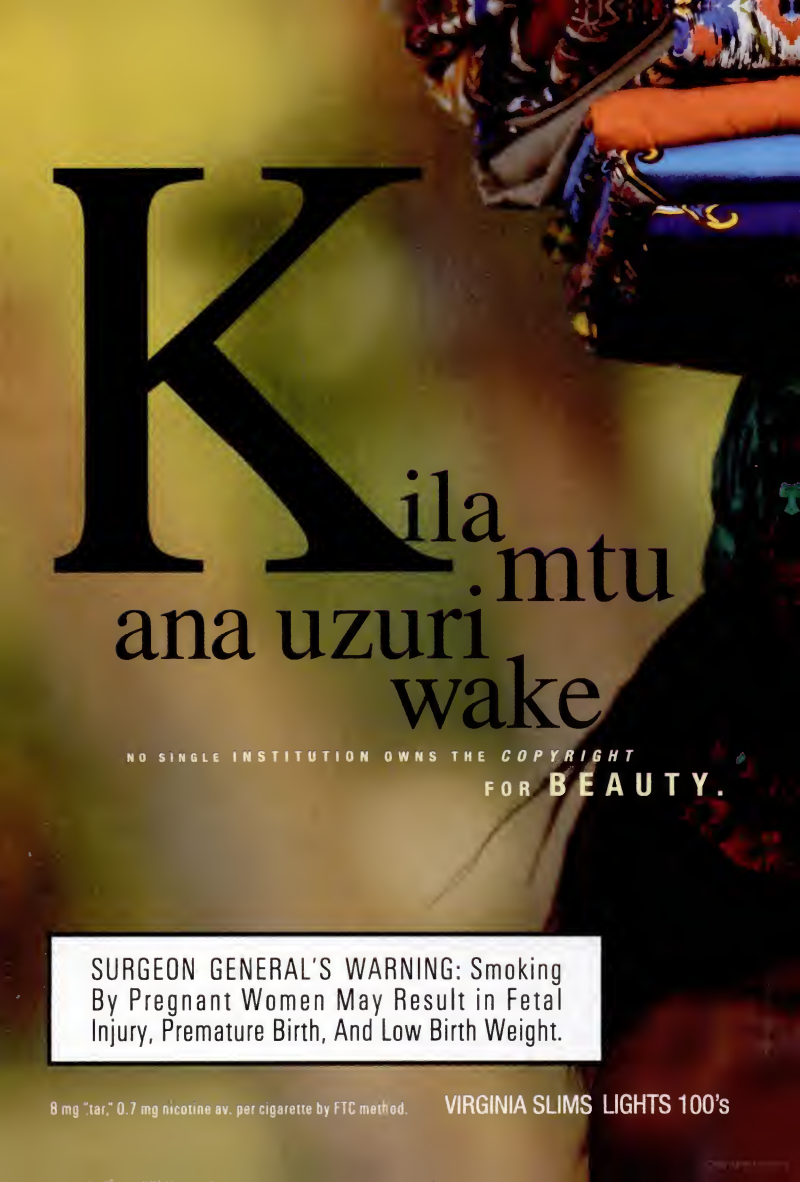
The Oliver Stone-directed football movie *Any Given Sunday* scored a big touchdown during its opening weekend at the box office. It came in at No. 1 with an estimated \$14.2 million.

During the movie's first five days of release, it grossed \$21.3 million.

The movie, which takes a probing look into the world of football, fea-

tures Al Pacino, Jamie Foxx, LL Cool J, Cameron Diaz, Dennis Quaid, James Woods, Jim Brown, Lawrence Taylor, Lela Rochon, Bill Bellamy and Clifton Davis.

Other movies ranked on that weekend included: *The Talented Mr. Ripley*, second place with \$13.8 million; *Stuart Little*, third with \$12.5 million; *Toy Story 2*, fourth with \$10.5 million and *The Green Mile*, which features Tom Hanks and Michael Clarke Duncan, fifth, with \$9.1 million.

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Blair Underwood and Vivica A. Fox lead the cast in the new medical TV series "City Of Angels."

BLAIR UNDERWOOD AND VIVICA A. FOX ARE DOCTORS AND EX-LOVERS IN TV SERIES 'CITY OF ANGELS'

personnel. Most of the patients are poor, Black, Hispanic and homeless.

The ensemble cast also features Michael Warren, Robert Morse, Hill Harper, Phil Buckman, T.E. Russell, Maya Rudolph and Viola Davis.

Fox's character, Dr. Lillian Price, is hired from Oakland to take over as medical director and

Blair Underwood and Vivica A. Fox head the cast of "City of Angels," network television's first predominantly Black medical drama, which premieres this week, Sunday, Jan. 16.

In the CBS series about the professional and personal lives of the doctors and nurses at Los Angeles' Angels of Mercy Hospital, Underwood is the acting chief of surgery and Fox is the medical director.

The nurses, doctors and administrators try to give the patients the best care possible, but are beset with chronic underfunding, incompetence, outdated equipment and shortages of

help the struggling hospital get its accreditation back. She finds herself supervising hotshot surgeon Dr. Ben Turner (Underwood), the man who stood her up seven years earlier just three days before their wedding.

"I get the best revenge. I get to come back and be his boss," she recently told JET. "Blair is the main reason I wanted to do this. We had worked together on *Set it Off*. Lillian was originally going to be older and they said, 'Guess who the love interest is? Blair Underwood!' I had to audition—twice. I hadn't had to audition for a while. But, it was okay. It made me humble."

◀ *Joining Underwood on the show are (l-r) T.E. Russell, Hill Harper and Phil Buckman. The three portray residents on the medical drama.*

went to a "L.A. Law" reunion (he was on that TV series seven years), producer Steven Bochco (who also produced "Hill Street Blues" and "NYPD Blue") pulled him to the side and said he'd wanted to do a Black hospital drama. "He said, 'I don't know what your commitments are. I'm doing this show and I have this role that's just primo for you.'"

The hospital has thoughtless administrators and nurses and spies who somehow feed the press every single scandal involving the institution.

Michael Warren of "Hill Street

Besides working with Underwood again, Fox said the show is wonderful because of the cast and the great writing. "The writing is off the hook! If you don't have good writing, it won't matter how good an actor you are. Also, it's great that they show two sides of African Americans. We're professional and we can be down with each other."

Underwood said he'd wanted to do a show primarily about Blacks in an inner-city hospital. When he

► *Maya Rudolph (l) plays Nurse Grace Peterson and Viola Davis portrays Nurse Lynette Peeler. Rudolph is the daughter of late songbird Minnie Riperton.*





▲ As Dr. Ben Turner, *Underwood* portrays a devoted surgeon who is determined to care for the community despite the injustices and inadequacies around him. Fox is thrilled to be a part of the new series. She says she jumped at the chance to work with *Underwood* once again; the two worked together on the action film *Set It Off* a few years earlier.

Blues" TV fame is Ron Harris, the hospital's CEO who has political ambitions and tons of resentment toward Lillian. Robert Morse is county administrator Edwin O'Malley who's also chairman of the hospital's board. He brought Lillian in to whip the place into shape. But, he also keeps advising her to walk a fine line because there are many around who will trip her up.

Phil Buckman is Geoffrey Weiss, the only Jewish resident in the hospital. He feels underappreciated by the hospital personnel, especially considering that he could have done his residency at more prestigious hospitals instead of the inner city. He and Wesley Williams (Hill Harper) are bitter rivals who fight over prized operating room assignments.

"We have the one White character in the hospital," Underwood explained. "I was the one Black character on 'L.A.

Law' for so long. It's like a flip flop."

Underwood pointed out that everyone's having a ball with the ensemble cast Bochco put together. But he also realizes there's a major spotlight shining on the show unlike other prime time programs.

"The perception in Hollywood is that if Steven Bochco, with the pedigree of Black talent that he's assembled can't make a primarily Black drama work, other networks and people in this town will say, 'Why should we?' Whether that's right or wrong, that's the perception. So much is riding on this show. We need support. We cannot afford to fail. There's so much riding on it. We need letters, faxes, email and phone calls to go to CBS." If not, he said there probably will be a long time before Blacks are seen heading a weekly prime time drama. He recalled the fate of such well-received dramas



▲ Robert Morse portrays county administrator Edwin O'Malley who's also chairman of the hospital's board and staunch ally of Fox's character, Medical Director Dr. Lillian Price. Veteran actor Michael Warren plays Ron Harris, the stern CEO of the hospital, who resents Dr. Price in her new post.

as "413 Hope Street," "Frank's Place" and "Under One Roof" which were praised by critics, but canceled because of poor numbers. He said audiences for such shows have to be much more vocal with their support than they've been in the past.

Fox agreed. "It's going to be important for people to watch all 13 episodes. If we don't have the support for all 13, it won't work."

And there are plenty of reasons to watch. Besides the dramatic and comic goings on at the hospital, there's always that undercurrent of romance between Lillian and Ben. Sure, he stood her up, but she generally handles it like a pro. Only rarely does the anger rear its head. "There's that love/hate relationship that people like to watch," Fox pointed out. "I hope they'll stretch the relationship out. Lillian is ambitious, smart, powerful. Underneath it

all, she still loves him, but she deals with it professionally."

So far, the two are professional and slightly friendly. Their relationship hasn't gone beyond a gentle, yet erotic kiss. Both are hoping the relationship remains sexually tense without going all the way.

Even though the cast is heavily Black, the stories are universal. And both said they hope people will tune in and see

that the themes, stories, drama and humor can touch all races. "City of Angels" airs Wednesdays at 8:00 p.m. (ET) on CBS.



► Series producer/director Paris Barclay discusses a scene with actress Vivica A. Fox.

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the week's best photos

■ **SOUL LEGEND:** Legendary singer-songwriter Curtis Mayfield, who recently died at age 57, is shown in a 1973 concert as he performs one of his classic hits. Mayfield's hits include *People Get Ready*, *Superfly*, *Keep On Pushing* and *Choice of Colors* (See *Census*).

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■ **MOVIE PREMIERE:** Rapper-actor LL Cool J and famed actor Al Pacino arrive for a screening of their new hit movie, *Any Given Sunday*, in Los Angeles. The football film also stars Jamie Foxx, Cameron Diaz and Dennis Quaid.



Rick Fowler/Universal Studios Escape/AP

■ **FRESHLY SQUEEZED:** Florida Gators linebacker Keith Kelsey (l) and defensive tackle Gerard Warren juice oranges the old-fashioned way in the 18th annual Citrus Squeeze Off at Universal Studios in Orlando, FL. Florida played Michigan State University New Year's Day in the Citrus Bowl.



▲ Freddie Meeks, 80, holds his 3-week-old great-granddaughter, Tiana Jackson, while at home in Los Angeles. President Clinton pardoned Meeks, a sailor court-martialed for mutiny during World War II, when he and others refused to load live ammunition after a deadly explosion at a naval storage facility.

Clinton Pardons Black World War II Sailor Court-Martialed For Mutiny

President Clinton recently pardoned a Black sailor who was court-martialed for mutiny during World War II when he and others refused to load live ammunition after a disastrous explosion at a naval storage facility.

Freddie Meeks, 80, of Los Angeles is one of only two known survivors of the 50 Black men who were sentenced to prison and hard labor following the incident at the Port Chicago Naval Magazine near San Francisco. He alone sought a pardon.

Meeks, who is in failing health,

said, "I know God was keeping me around here for something to see."

He added, "I knew we had a good president, and I figured he would do the right thing, and he did the right thing with this pardon. I appreciate it very much."

Clinton praised Meeks as a man who "returned to civilian life, where he quickly established himself as a stable, law-abiding and productive citizen, who has been an asset to his community."

Meeks' pardon was one of 37 pardons granted by President Clinton in

unrelated incidents.

The 1944 explosion killed 320 men. Lawmakers, veterans and the NAACP had argued that the sailors were victims of racial prejudice. The Navy agreed with them in a 1994 review of the case, though it did not overturn their convictions.

The other known living survivor of the incident, Jules Crittenden, had not sought a pardon. He said in August that he was more interested in seeing each family of the 320 victims get full death benefits from the military, with interest.

Crittenden said each family should have been entitled to \$5,000, but Congress reduced the payment to about \$3,000 for the survivors of Port Chicago.

Meeks said he is still haunted by the tragedy a half century ago and by memories of the hazardous work of stacking materials used in ammunition.

"It would scare you to death," he recalled. "Sometimes I get nervous thinking about how that ammunition would come down so fast," he recalled.

Two thirds of those killed were Black sailors. The blast also wounded 390 people and destroyed two transport ships. It was the worst domestic loss of life during the war.

White officers were given 30-day leaves after the blast. The Black sailors were ordered back to work. Meeks and others refused.

They told us, 'You know you could be shot,' he said. "But we made up our mind—you go back, you might be

blown to pieces. So we didn't go back."

Meeks said his pardon would send a positive message to young Blacks in the military. "It won't do very much for me, but it (will) do things for other young Blacks just going into the service. They will feel different."

Meeks also said, "The lesson is we stood up for our rights. We stood up to get the same rights the Whites had. We all should have been treated the same, because we were all in the Navy and were going to fight for the same purpose. But they thought we should do the dirty work."

Child-Slaying Suspect Sentenced To 105 Years For Prior Killing

A man accused in the slaying of an 8-year-old boy and his mother recently was sentenced to 105 years for another murder related to that case.

Russell Peeler Jr., 27, was convicted in September of murdering Rudolph Snead Jr., the fiancé of 8-year-old Leroy "B.J." Brown Jr.'s mother, in May 1998.

Superior Court Judge G. Sarsfield Ford in Bridgeport, CT, said he found no redeeming qualities in Russell Peeler Jr. to spare him the maximum sentence.

"He doesn't deserve any consideration," Ford said. "He cannot be expected to be rehabilitated and be put back on the street and stay away from the criminal element...I'd be a fool to

expect that.”

Peeler also was found guilty of attempted murder and two counts of risk of injury to a minor stemming from a drive-by shooting in which another attempt was made on Snead's life eight months earlier.

During that attempt in which he was wounded, Snead's young son and Brown were present. Brown was expected to be a witness against Peeler in that case.

However, before the boy could testify, he and his mother, Karen Clarke, were murdered in their Bridgeport home (JET, Feb. 8, 1999).

Prosecutors allege Peeler and his brother, Adrian Peeler, killed the two to keep the boy from testifying. If convicted in those slayings, the brothers could receive the death penalty.

Outrage over the slayings of B.J. and his mother led to an overhaul of the state's witness protection laws, including requiring the chief state's attorney to safeguard witnesses and allowing the state to take custody of child witnesses if parents have failed to protect them.

Authorities said Clarke had turned down special police protection after a few days, saying it was too disruptive.

Court Clerk Arrested And Charged In Theft Of Malcolm X's Diary

A court clerk recently was arrested in the 1991 theft of Malcolm X's bloodied, bullet-pocked diary, which had been considered missing until it resurfaced in May at an auction.

The booklet, which contains the names, telephone numbers and addresses of Malcolm X's acquaintances and brief notes, had been locked in a courthouse safe after the trial of his killers.

Doug Henderson, 41, of Manhattan, a junior court clerk at the time of the theft, admitted he took the Muslim leader's diary, said Assistant District Attorney Daniel Castleman.

Henderson was charged with third-degree grand larceny and criminal possession of stolen property, each punishable by up to seven years in prison. The red, leatherette-bound diary was in the left breast pocket of

the civil rights leader's suit when he was gunned down Feb. 21, 1965. Three bullets passed through the 146-page, 3-inch by 5-inch booklet and entered Malcolm X's chest.

Castleman alleged Henderson held the diary for six years before selling it for \$5,000 to a dealer in memorabilia. Last May, a San Francisco-based auction house, Butterfield & Butterfield, advertised it for sale, estimating its worth at \$30,000 to \$50,000.

Malcolm X's family sued to get the diary back.

Joseph Fleming, lawyer of Malcolm X's six daughters, said the recovery of the diary was important to the family.

“Having some closure here does make a difference,” he said. “Each time something like this has happened, it's reopened wounds.”

Michael Jordan Honored As ESPN's Greatest Athlete Of The Century



▲ Michael Jordan received the largest number of votes from a 48-member panel.

Michael Jordan, who left an indelible mark on basketball as one of the greatest NBA players, left his mark on the entire sports world after being named the greatest athlete of the 20th century by ESPN's "SportsCentury" series.

His airness received the largest number of votes from a 48-member panel, finishing more than 100 points ahead of baseball's Babe Ruth, said the series' coordinating producer, Mark Shapiro, to the Chicago Tribune.

Both Jordan and Ruth, who finished second in the voting, were profiled recently during ESPN's special

series on ABC. Legendary boxer Muhammad Ali made No. 3 and football's Jim Brown finished in fourth place.

During an interview for the special program, Jordan told ESPN's Dan Patrick that he didn't want to go down as the century's best.

"Michael knows how negative everything is today," Patrick told the newspaper. "He said he didn't want to be No. 1 because people will bring up that he couldn't hit a curveball or that he's a lousy golfer. If he was No. 2, nobody would say a word."

Even if Michael was reluctant to accept his status as greatest athlete of the century, others believe he's worthy of the honor.

"It says a lot for Ali and Ruth to be up there after what seems like years and years since they performed," Indiana Pacers coach and former NBA player Larry Bird said to the Chicago Sun-Times. "But Michael deserves it. He was a great athlete and great person."

Rounding out the top 10 are Wayne Gretzky, Jesse Owens, Jim Thorpe, Willie Mays, Jack Nicklaus and Babe Didrikson. Baseball's Hank Aaron came in at No. 14 and Jackie Robinson finished behind him at No. 15.

Additionally, Jordan was recently named one of the top entertainers of the century by TV Guide. He came in at No. 7, between actor Jimmy Stewart and talk-show legend Johnny Carson.

Rutgers Women's Basketball Coach Stringer Is 1st Black Female To Earn 600 Career Victories



◀ *C. Vivian Stringer, head coach of the women's basketball team at Rutgers University, became the third women's basketball coach to record 600 victories. "I am grateful for the 600 wins, because it speaks to longevity and life," she said.*

can touch so many lives and be able to translate what happens on the basketball court into the game of life," Stringer told the New York Times.

The game which earned Stringer the honor was especially significant because it partnered up her team with Texas. Rutgers, in a close fight to the finish, defeated Texas 68-64.

The 50-year-old Stringer, whose overall record is 600-185, holds countless credits to her name, including being the only woman coach to take two Division I teams to the Final Four and three to the NCAA Tournament.

While coaching at Cheyney, in 1982, the women's team advanced for the first time ever to the Final Four in the NCAA Tournament; the Iowa Hawkeyes reached the Final Four the following year.

Throughout the course of Stringer's illustrious career, she has taken 13 teams to NCAA Tournaments, including her two Final Four trips and four regional finals.

Stringer and the late William D. Stringer are the parents of three children, David, Janine and Justin.

The fruits of C. Vivian Stringer's labors are paying off. After coaching women's college basketball for 27 years, taking Cheyney University, the University of Iowa and Rutgers University to national championship tournaments, she made headlines by becoming the third women's coach in Division I history to win 600 games.

As head coach of Rutgers University's Scarlet Knights, she became the first Black woman to earn the distinction of having 600 career victories.

"I'm just grateful to have the opportunity to be in the luckiest profession in the world where you

Tiger Woods Named AP Male Athlete Of The Year



Tiger Woods

Tiger Woods closed the 20th Century with another accolade in his golf bag when he recently was honored as The Associated Press Male Athlete of the Year.

"It's great to be selected, very humbling to be part of that," said Woods, 23, who won the award for the second time in three years. "A lot of great athletes have won this award."

Receiving 29 first-place votes and 144 points from AP member newspapers and broadcast outlets, Woods nudged out Lance Arm-

strong for the honor. Armstrong, who overcame testicular cancer to win the Tour de France, had 31 first-place votes and finished with 130 points.

Woods won nine of his last 13 tournaments, including a major championship, and earned \$7.6 million. The golfer also recently signed a contract with Buick in which he will reportedly earn between \$20 million and \$25 million (JET, Jan. 10).

"He had a phenomenal year, and I think he's got phenomenal focus," golf great Jack Nicklaus said about Woods to the Chicago Sun-Times. "If he can keep that going for a long period time, he'll break all my records—and everyone else's."

► PACKERS' COACH RHODES

FIRED: The Green Bay Packers' first-year coach Ray Rhodes, shown in an April 1999 photo, was fired along with his entire coaching staff after the team failed to make the NFL playoffs for the first time in seven years, announced team Executive Vice President/General Manager Ron Wolf at a recent press conference at Packers headquarters. "This decision was extremely difficult because of the respect and admiration I have for all the coaches and families involved," Wolf said. "For whatever reason, our players did not respond to this program." The firing comes almost one year after Wolf signed Rhodes to a four-year, \$4 million contract to replace former coach Mike Holmgren.





◀ *Kimberly Elise stars as Special Olympics champion Loretta Claiborne, and Camryn Manheim portrays the determined social worker who inspires her in The Loretta Claiborne Story on "The Wonderful World of Disney" on ABC-TV.*

Kimberly Elise And Camryn Manheim Star In TV Movie, 'The Loretta Claiborne Story'

Famed actress Kimberly Elise and Emmy Award-winner Camryn Manheim star in an unforgettable portrayal of the life of Loretta Claiborne, a world-class Special Olympics athlete and one of the most inspirational women of our time in the TV movie *The Loretta Claiborne Story*.

The movie airs on "The Wonderful World of Disney," Sunday, Jan. 16, at 7:00-9:00 p.m. (ET/PT) on ABC.

Elise portrays Loretta Claiborne, who was born into a large, poor, single-parent family. Partially blind and unable to walk or talk until the age of 4, Loretta faced ridicule and humiliation because of her mild mental retardation while growing up.

► *Elise delivers a heartwarming performance as Loretta Claiborne, a young woman with mental retardation who becomes a Special Olympics athlete.*

The movie is based on Claiborne's extraordinary life and career.





▲ Tina Lifford portrays Rita Claiborne, Loretta's proud mother who struggles alone to raise six children in the midst of poverty. The real-life Loretta Claiborne (r) has become a teacher and advocate for the mentally and physically challenged.

She went on to become a champion athlete, teacher and passionate advocate for those with mental and physical disabilities.

The discovery of her running ability and a new program called the Special Olympics changed her life, culminating in her winning the 1996 Arthur Ashe Award for Courage at the ESPY Awards.

Manheim of "The Practice" TV series stars as feisty social worker Janet McFarland, who brought Loretta and the Special Olympics together.

► Claiborne (Elise) prepares to run in an important Special Olympics event.

er. Loretta trained and competed to become a Special Olympics gold



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◀ *Claiborne (Elise) celebrates one of the two gold medals she won at the 1983 Special Olympics World Games.*

medal champion.

Loretta also holds a fourth-degree black belt in karate and speaks four languages, including sign language. She also holds an honorary doctorate degree from Quinnipiac College, the first person with mental retardation to receive such an honor.

Elise, who was featured in the films *Beloved* and *Set It Off*, says of her portrayal of Claiborne: "I felt a big responsibility to Loretta Claiborne, to Special Olympics, and to people with mental retardation. This story is a reminder, at least for me, that it's important to strive for your best and do the most that you can with your life. We need to appreciate the gifts that we've been given, because it doesn't always come that way."



◀ *Claiborne (Elise) rejoices with her brother, Sam, played by Damon Gupton, who was the first to recognize her ability to run. Sharing the happy moment is Claiborne's social worker Janet McFarland (Manheim).*

Music World Mourns Death Of Curtis Mayfield

Private services were recently held in Atlanta for legendary singer-songwriter Curtis Mayfield who urged Black Americans to "Keep On Pushing" at the height of the Civil Rights Movement. He was 57.

Mayfield died at the North Fulton Regional Hospital in Roswell, GA. The exact cause of death was not available at press time.

The entertainer's widow, Altheida, said in a press statement: "I lost my husband, the father of our children, my best friend and my soul mate. Thank God his music and his legacy will live far beyond today."

Private services were held in H.M. Patterson & Son's Arlington Chapel in Atlanta for Mayfield, who lived in suburban Atlanta. A public memorial service currently is being organized for his fans and admirers, said publicist Karen Lee of Warner Bros. Records.

Atlanta Mayor Bill Campbell attended the services and later told JET: "Curtis Mayfield is one of our all-time favorites. He will sorely be missed. We will not see another Curtis Mayfield. He not only entertained us but challenged us. He has chronicled African-American life. It was an extraordinary honor for me having grown up on his songs to bring remarks on behalf of a mourning city."

Mayor Campbell also announced at the services that Mayfield's signature tune, *People Get Ready*, will be used as



▲ The late legendary singer-songwriter Curtis Mayfield and his timeless soul music was remembered during recent private funeral services in Atlanta. He was 57.

Atlanta's Millennium theme song.

"We are honored that he allowed us to use the song," Campbell said. "It best reflects the accomplishment of our city and the challenges of a new century. It was one of the songs of the Civil Rights Movement. It just seems to reflect the progress of Atlanta with civil rights and diversity."

A highlight at the service was when Mayfield's good friends, singers Jerry Butler, Fred Cash and Sam Gooden, who sang with him in The Impressions, sang an emotional, soul-stirring rendition of the group's hit *Amen*.

Mayfield was loved throughout the world for his songs that preached



▲ Mayfield is escorted by his longtime friend and Impressions singing partner Jerry Butler as he is surrounded by musicians who were influenced by his music, including Bruce Springsteen (far, l), Raphael Saadiq (2nd, l) and Impressions singers Fred Cash (4th, l), Sam Gooden (r), and others as he receives a Grammy Legend Award in 1994.

◀ Mayfield is shown with his guitar in his state of the art recording studio in early '70s photo.

pride and perseverance.

His life imitated his art when an on-stage accident in 1990 left him a quadriplegic. But Mayfield continued to keep on pushing with his soulful music. He continued to record new songs, even though he had to record lying on his back. His last album was *New World Order* in 1996.

His classic recordings included *People Get Ready*, *We're A Winner*, *Choice of Colors*, *Freddie's Dead* and *Superfly*.

He possessed a rare, smooth, gentle voice that sounded like a pensive philosopher.

"You don't have to break anything over anybody's head, no matter what you're trying to say," he once said. "What's important for me is that it's said in a manner that gives food for thought."

Mayfield was paralyzed when he was struck by a lighting rig that toppled while he performed

◀ *Filmmaker Spike Lee thanks Mayfield for allowing him to use New World Order and several other hit tunes in his 1996 movie Get On The Bus.*

group called The Roosters. They later changed their name to The Impressions and recorded the big hit *For Your Precious Love*.

The group went on to record a string of soul classics, including *Gypsy Woman*, *It's All Right* and *I'm So Proud*.

It was 1964's *Keep On Pushing* that marked a turning point for Mayfield, and broadened the parameters of Black music. Widely regarded as the first R&B song to rally Blacks behind the Civil Rights Movement, *Keep On Pushing* became a Top 10 R&B and pop hit.

Mayfield continued to put Black pride and social issues at the forefront in Impressions hits such as *We're A Winner*, *This is My Country* and *Choice of Colors*, which asked, *if you had a choice of colors, which one would you choose, my Brother?*

He became a solo artist in 1970 and later recorded such hits as *Freddie's Dead* and *Superfly*, both from the monumental soundtrack to the 1972 film, *Superfly*, which won him a Grammy nomination. The *Superfly* soundtrack sold more than 12 million copies.

Asked about the inspiration of his songs, he once said, "I wrote them for myself. Being a young Black man, observing and sensing the need for race equality and women's rights, I wrote about what was important to me."

He explained, "When I was younger, I went to my grandmother's church.



onstage in Brooklyn, NY. His health deteriorated since that time. Last year, doctors amputated his right leg because of complications that stemmed from diabetes.

He described the challenges of being a quadriplegic during an interview with the New York Times in 1993. "Being a quadriplegic, it's a life-or-death situation almost every minute of the day."

Born June 3, 1942, in Chicago, Mayfield started singing gospel as a boy at his grandmother's church, Traveling Soul Spiritualists Church. He got his first guitar at age 10 and taught himself to play it by tuning it to the black keys of the piano.

In 1956, he joined church member Jerry Butler, brothers Arthur and Richard Brooks, and Sam Gooden in a



Bill Jones

◀ Mayfield celebrates his musical success with (l-r) his daughter-in-law, Candi, his wife, Altheida, and son, Tracey, at the 1997 Soul Train Awards, where he received the First Annual Quincy Jones Award for Outstanding Career Achievements.

between sets. I was running my mouth, talking about something inspirational and what was going to be in our future. Fred just said, 'Well, all right, all right.' It just hit me.... That's how the music comes to you, through conversation."

Turning his attention to 1964's *Keep On Pushing*, Mayfield revealed: "I wrote it as a gospel song during the civil rights struggle. This reflected on lifting oneself up by the bootstraps. Instead of saying God gave me my strength, I've said, 'I've got my strength and it don't make sense not to keep on pushing.' I hope that is in many people's minds, Black and White."

His 1965 tune *People Get Ready* is another tune whose inspirational message and sound has stood the test of time. The tune includes such poignant lyrics as *People get ready, there's a train a comin. You don't need no baggage, you just get on board. All you need is faith to hear the diesels humming. Don't need no ticket, you just thank the Lord.*

Mayfield told the Sun-Times: "So many of my lyrics are so identifiable to most sermons you hear in church... How often do you hear in sermons that say you can run but you cannot hide?"

After his accident onstage, Mayfield found he could still sing by lying down, letting gravity put pressure on his chest and lungs. With vocals sometimes recorded lines at a time, May-

She happened to be the minister of the church, and so I sat through many services. I went to church almost every day, and as a result, I attribute a great deal of that platform—church hymns and her way of speaking—to how I relate with a lot of my music, especially the songs of inspiration."

In a 1993 interview with Chicago Sun-Times columnist Dave Hoekstra, Mayfield revealed the inspiration for three of his most popular songs, *It's All Right*, *Keep On Pushing* and *People Get Ready*.

He told the Sun-Times columnist he wrote *It's All Right* in Nashville in 1963. "[I] and (fellow Impressions) Fred (Cash) and Sam (Gooden) were just sitting out in front of the club

field released his final album *New World Order* in 1996. The album's title song was the theme song for Spike Lee's movie *Get On The Bus*.

Mayfield was a two-time inductee to the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame—in 1991 as a member of The Impressions and in 1999 as a solo artist.

As a producer, he shepherded the hit soundtracks to the films *Claudine* in 1974 with tunes by Gladys Knight and the Pips and *Let's Do It Again* in 1975, performed by The Staple Singers. He also produced two albums for Aretha Franklin, including *Sparkle* in 1976, which featured the classic *Giving Him Something He Can Feel*, and *Almighty Fire* in 1978.

In 1994, the music world paid tribute to him with a special album *All Men Are Brothers: A Tribute To Curtis Mayfield*, which featured his tunes recorded by Whitney Houston, Gladys Knight, Aretha Franklin, Elton John and others.

His legacy is also preserved in the top-selling CD collection, *People Get Ready! The Curtis Mayfield Story* on Rhino Records.

Mayfield's legacy also lives on with his work "sampled" by contemporary hip-hop and R&B artists, including Dr. Dre, R. Kelly, Coolio and Snoop Dogg.

Reflecting on his worldwide fame and musical legacy, he once said, "I respect the art of being humble. I believe very strongly in being down to earth where you can relate—from the kings and queens to the little people and even the fools. You can learn from all of them. And it's best to keep a proper attitude with all people,

because you never know who's going to save you."

In addition to his wife, Mayfield is survived by his mother Mariam Jackson; 11 children, Tiffany, Curt, Lebrian, Cheaa, Blaze, Lena, Tracey, Curtis III, Todd, Sharon and Carolyn; two sisters, Carolyn Falls and Judy Mayfield; a brother, Kenneth Mayfield; and seven grandchildren.

Three Ministers From Same Family Killed In Michigan Auto Crash

Three ministers from the same family were killed by an out-of-control car that plowed into their van along a gravel road.

The Rev. Kenneth Page, 41; his wife, the Rev. Charlene Page, 43; and Mrs. Page's mother, the Rev. Ruthie Lathan, 62, had just given a worshipper a ride home and were waiting to back out onto the gravel road.

A car going 70 mph in a 55 mph zone hit a pillar and then slammed into the van, state police said.

The car's driver, Benjamin Bidwell, 21, was critically injured.

The three ministers were from the Spiritual Israel Church and Its Army in the Sumpter Township, about 25 miles from Detroit.

"They were good-hearted people," said Monique Davis, whose 5-year-old daughter often rode to church with the Pages. "For this type of thing to happen, it is really painful."

The Pages had just dropped off Ms. Davis' mother, Cassandra Davis.



◀ Sean "Puffy" Combs and his attorney, Harvey Slovis, answer questions at a news conference in New York on the day following his arrest. "The charges and allegations against me are 100 percent false," Combs said.

Combs Denies Having Gun After Arrest Following Club Shooting

Hip-hop music mogul Sean "Puffy" Combs recently was released on \$10,000 bail after he spent a day behind bars for alleged weapons possession in the wake of a shooting at a Times Square dance club.

Combs was arrested after police allegedly found a stolen pistol in his car as he and actress-singer-dancer Jennifer Lopez left Club NY where two men and a woman were wounded in an early morning shooting.

"I do not own a gun," Combs told reporters after he was arraigned on weapons charges. "I do not carry a gun. The charges and allegations against me are 100 percent false."

After he was released, he was ordered back in court on Feb. 14.

Lopez also was arrested, but prosecutors dropped charges against her "based on the evaluation of the evidence," said Wayne Brison, a spokesman for the Manhattan district attorney's office.

Two of the victims were in stable condition, but the third refused medical attention.

Police said the shots were fired by 19-year-old Jamal Barrow, Combs' rap protégé who uses the stage name Shyne, who was found outside the club with a pistol. He was charged with three counts of attempted murder and was being held pending arraignment.

A Manhattan judge set \$35,000 bail for Barrow. He was out after his grandmother put up the family's Brooklyn home as collateral, his lawyer, Murray Richman, told the New York Post.

The dispute started when someone threw money into Combs' face, police



▲ *Combs and girlfriend Jennifer Lopez recently were arrested after police allegedly found a stolen pistol in Combs' sports utility vehicle as he and Lopez left a New York club following a shooting.*

said. Assistant District Attorney Matthew Bogdanos said a witness reported that Barrow and Combs both pulled out guns.

Combs emphatically denied pulling out a gun.

A short time after the shooting, Combs and Lopez left the club in a 1999 Lincoln Navigator belonging to Combs' recording company, Bad Boy.

The vehicle was stopped because the couple had left the scene of a crime, said Detective John Giammarino, a police spokesman.

A gun—which police said was not used in the shooting—was found in full view on the front right seat; Combs and Lopez were in the back

seat, with a driver and a bodyguard in the front. A police source who spoke on condition of anonymity said the gun had been reported stolen from Georgia.

The driver, Wardel Fenderson, and the bodyguard, Anthony Jones, also were arraigned on charges of criminal possession of a gun. Fenderson was released on \$10,000 bail and Jones on \$20,000 bail.

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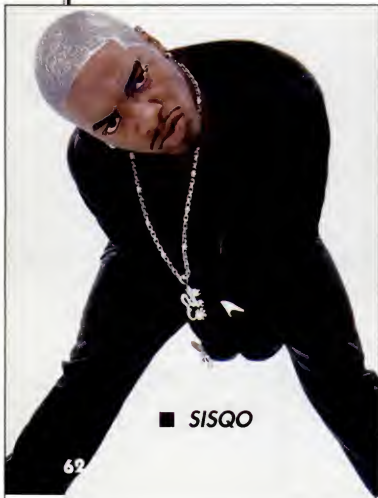
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'Murder At 1600'

Wesley Snipes, Diane Lane and Daniel Benza-li attempt to solve a murder that took place in the White House in the suspense thriller *Murder At 1600* on (Sunday, January 16 at 9 p.m., ET) on CBS. Others scheduled to appear this week include:

Victoria Rowell on "Diagnosis Murder," (Thursday, January 13 at 8 p.m., ET) on CBS.

Bill Cosby/Phylicia Rashad/Doug E. Doug/ T'Keyah Crystal Keymáh on "Cosby," (Friday, January 14 at 8:30 p.m., ET) on CBS.

Tom Wright/Arsenio Hall on "Martial Law," (Saturday, January 15 at 9 p.m., ET) on CBS.

Kimberly Elise/Tina Lifford/Damon Gupton in the "Wonderful World Of Disney's *The Loretta Claiborne Story*," (Sunday, January 16 at 7 p.m., ET) on ABC.

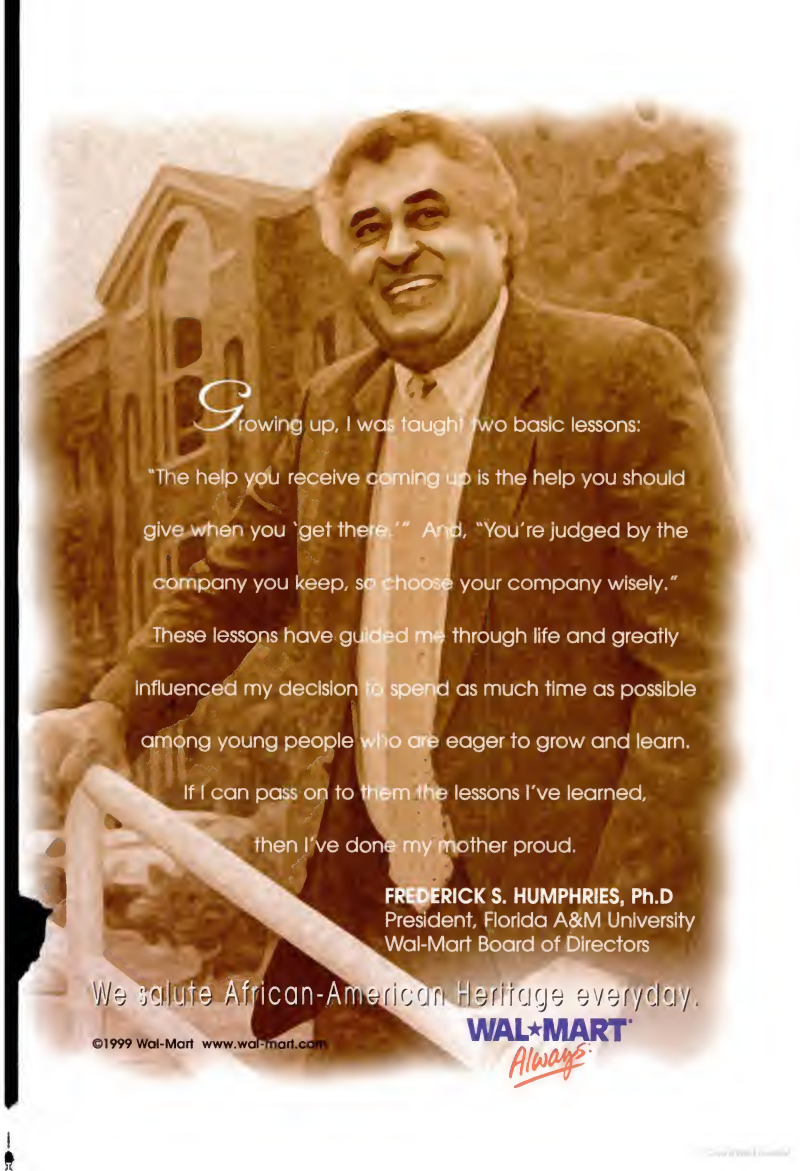
Blair Underwood/Vivica A. Fox/Michael Warren/Hill Harper/T.E. Russell/Maya Rudolph/Viola Davis on "City Of Angels," (Sunday, January 16 & Wednesday, January 19 at 8 p.m., ET) on CBS.

Deborah Cox/Chico DeBarge/Faith Evans/Ginuwine/Guy/K-Ci & JoJo/Queen Latifah/Tyrese/Brian McKnight on "The 27th Annual American Music Awards," (Monday, January 17 at 8 p.m., ET) on ABC.

Daryl "Chill" Mitchell on "Veronica's Closet," (Tuesday, January 18 at 9:30 p.m., ET) on NBC.

James McDaniel on "NYPD Blue," (Tuesday, January 18 at 10 p.m., ET) on ABC.

S. Epatha Merkerson on "Law & Order," (Wednesday, January 19 at 10 p.m., ET) on NBC.



Growing up, I was taught two basic lessons:

"The help you receive coming up is the help you should give when you 'get there.'" And, "You're judged by the company you keep, so choose your company wisely."

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